

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2008  
7:00 PM Meeting Room

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Weber, Handel, Albert, Donnelly, Watson, Haskell. Anne Krieg, John Kelly and Chip Reeves were also present.

ITEM 2

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Wheeler has an excused absence

ITEM 3

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was approved

ITEM 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved

ITEM 5

- A. Cool Cities update- Carla asked to fold this talk into the discussion with Chip Reeves.
- B. Dark Skies update- The dark skies brochure draft was reviewed. The focus group was people buying lights at hardware stores and people coming in to Town Hall for permits. Marianne commented that the brochure needed reformatting. Letter to the editor supporting dark skies was submitted to papers. John Kelly noted that Acadia National Park was also working on a brochure form handout and offered joining forces to produce one document. Anne reported that Chris Fogg from the Chamber of Commerce wanted to sponsor a dark skies talk this coming week. It was decided that a spring talk may be a better to time.
- C. Compost Workshop- Enoch reported that the workshop station had a small and steady flow of visitors. Enoch proposes to do another workshop this spring.

ITEM 5

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Solid Waste Discussion- Chip Reeves submitted recycling rate charts. Informed Cons Comm that brochures were being distributed in schools during Maine Recycles Week.
- 1. Recycling Bins in town- Chamber of Commerce sponsored recycling bins were installed this summer. They cost \$800 each. Chip had concerns about the town installing and having to maintain the bins because people will throw garbage in them. Cons Comm supported to provide bins and accompany with a trash bin.

- 2. Current market for plastics- the current contract with MRC includes only #2 plastic, there is no #1 market that Chip knows of. Cons Comm encouraged Chip to explore an expanded plastic market.
  - 3. Information on universal wastes and transfer station signage- State has reduced cost of recycling. DEP comments suggest better signs for the building. Chip acknowledged the public needs educating on the universal waste area and that the signage has been a challenge. He does feel it has improved. Cons Comm suggested further improvement on signs could be explored.
  - 4. Status of Hulls Cove Composting site- Licensed for leaves and compost. Compost is available to the public in the Spring.
  - 5. Possibility of chipper at Hulls Cove- Chips and brush classified as solid waste and the site needs to be licensed if chips and brush are at Hulls Cove.
  - 6. Revisit pay as you throw- Cons Com would like to explore. Chip related the politics on this are very complicated.
  - 7. Culverts- Status?
  - 8. Update on Energy Audit-Leland Moore doing the work. Not sure what sort of program the information is being inputted into. End of November the electrical data will be provided. Looking at current energy use versus desired energy use. Carla asked about opening up the process to help determine goals for the Town that may push the process into real savings and smaller carbon footprint. If ICLEA program is not utilized possibly no need to tap into the resources available through Cool Cities program.
  - 9. E-waste and televisions- Universal Waste accepts- Cons Comm thought more public awareness is needed.
  - 10. Dog waste containers- Chip noted that this is to be discouraged because it is seemed as hazardous waste when concentrated into one container and special training and disposal is required.
- B. Budget for next year-Postponed to next meeting
- C. Culvert discussion-Postponed to next meeting

ITEM 6  
 ADJOURNMENT  
 Meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Carla Haskell, Member